Governments as also the concerned Ministries/Departments in Central Government have been requested by this Department to take adequate measures in this direction.

Decentralization of foodgrain procurement, storage and distribution

1755. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology has made study of decentralization procurement, storage and distribution of grains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations of the study; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARiA) (a) to (d) This Ministry has not entrusted any study to the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology on the subject of decentralised procurement, storage and distribution of grains.

Agreement between FCI and Warehousing Corporation in Andhra Pradesh

1756. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the state Government of Andhra Pradesh to direct the Food Corporation of India to enter into an agreement with Andhra Pradesh Warehousing Corporation with regard to balance 1.60 lakhs metric tonnes of storage space of the total 20 lakh M.T. storage capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has also requested to release the subsidy component of Rs. 1,83,62,000 in this connection; and